

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on April 1, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Blasdel, Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Mike Miller, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Alan Hale (R)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)
Rep. Max Yates (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)

Staff Present: Lisa Adams, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 372, 3/28/2011

HEARING ON SB 372**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:11 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 372, Lower business equipment tax – phase more reduction on state economic growth.

EXHIBIT(tah73a01)

00:01:16 Rep. Randall arrived.

00:01:33 Rep. Flynn arrived.

00:01:40 Rep. McNally arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:28 Sen. Bob Lake (SD 44)

00:07:20 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:10:17 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

00:12:33 Patrick Heffernan, Montana Wood Products Association

00:13:54 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association

00:14:28 Rep. Randall left.

00:14:39 Rep. Stahl left.

00:14:40 Rep. Flynn left.

00:14:42 Dustin Stewart, Executive Director, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

00:16:55 Peter Bovingdon, Montana Ski Areas Association

00:17:39 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors' Association

00:20:46 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana

00:22:34 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:24:13 Rep. O'Neil arrived.

00:24:58 Rep. Randall arrived.

00:25:02 Rep. Fitzpatrick left.

00:25:32 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Taxpayer's Association

00:25:59 Rep. Flynn arrived.

00:26:10 Rep. Fitzpatrick arrived.

00:26:33 Ronda Wiggers, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce and Helena Chamber of Commerce

00:27:24 Rep. Stahl arrived.

00:29:52 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association

00:31:01 Bob Faw, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:33:13 Evan Barrett, Chief Business Development Officer, Governor's Economic Development Office (GOV)

EXHIBIT(tah73a02)

00:33:38 Rep. Stahl left.

00:35:01 Rep. Hale left.

00:35:58 Vice Chairman Miller left.

00:37:23 Rep. Hale arrived.

00:43:48 Vice Chairman Miller arrived.

00:46:26 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:49:42 Rep. Knudsen left.

00:50:44 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:52:27 Chairman Blasdel left.
00:53:46 Chairman Blasdel arrived.

00:55:24 Diane Fladmo, Director of Research, Montana Education Association - Montana
Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
00:56:34 Rep. Stahl arrived.
00:56:48 Rep. Knudsen arrived.

Informational Testimony:

00:57:18 Ed Caplis, Director, Tax Policy and Research Unit, Montana Department of
Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:59:43 Rep. Barrett
01:00:35 Sen. Tutvedt
01:01:01 Rep. Barrett
01:01:55 Sen. Tutvedt
01:02:46 Rep. Barrett
01:03:46 Sen. Tutvedt
01:04:46 Rep. Flynn
01:05:06 Sen. Tutvedt
01:05:29 Rep. Flynn
01:06:01 Sen. Tutvedt
01:06:23 Rep. Flynn
01:06:45 Sen. Tutvedt
01:06:54 Rep. Flynn
01:07:01 Sen. Tutvedt
01:07:15 Rep. Barrett
01:08:09 Mr. Caplis, DOR
01:08:35 Rep. Barrett
01:09:18 Mr. Caplis
01:09:22 Rep. Barrett
01:09:49 Mr. Caplis
01:09:57 Rep. Barrett
01:10:03 Mr. Caplis
01:10:08 Rep. Taylor
01:10:38 Mr. Caplis
01:10:55 Rep. Barrett
01:11:43 Sen. Tutvedt
01:12:31 Rep. Malek
01:13:10 Mr. Barrett, GOV
01:14:01 Rep. Malek
01:14:19 Mr. Barrett
01:15:04 Rep. Malek
01:15:31 Mr. Barrett
01:16:05 Rep. Malek
01:16:20 Mr. Barrett
01:16:46 Rep. Hoven
01:16:58 Mr. Barrett

01:17:18 Rep. Stahl left.
01:18:11 Rep. Hoven
01:18:19 Rep. Stahl arrived.
01:18:41 Mr. Barrett
01:19:19 Rep. Hoven
01:19:46 Mr. Barrett
01:21:00 Rep. Taylor
01:21:31 Mr. Barrett
01:22:01 Rep. Stahl
01:23:16 Sen. Lake
01:23:44 Rep. Stahl
01:24:08 Rep. Randall left.
01:24:20 Sen. Tutvedt
01:25:05 Rep. Barrett
01:25:49 Mr. Barrett
01:26:13 Rep. Stahl
01:26:35 Gary Forrester, Montana-Dakota Utilities Resources Group (MDU)
01:28:18 Rep. Malek left.
01:28:25 Mr. Forrester
01:29:44 Rep. Stahl
01:30:24 Mr. Forrester
01:30:51 Rep. Stahl
01:31:05 Mr. Forrester

Closing by Sponsor:

01:31:46 Sen. Tutvedt

ADJOURNMENT

01:34:15 Adjournment: 9:36 a.m.

Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah73aad.pdf](#))